

COST Action FA1205: AQUAGAMETE – Assessing and improving the quality of aquatic animal gametes to enhance aquatic resources. The need to harmonize and standardize evolving methodologies, and improve transfer from academia to industry

## 5<sup>th</sup> AQUAGAMETE TRAINING SCHOOL

**Cryopreservation of fish germ cells** Valencia (Spain), 7<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> March, 2016

Valencia, December 23<sup>nd</sup>, 2016

Dear colleagues,

The AQUAGAMETE COST Action (aquagamete.webs.upv.es) is pleased to announce the 5<sup>th</sup> AQUAGAMETE Training School.

The 5<sup>th</sup> AQUAGAMETE Training School is aimed towards young researchers (PhD students, young post-docs and MSc students). The course will be focused on **Cryopreservation of fish germ cells**, and will include theoretical and practical classes, plus several technical visits. The tentative program is attached.

The course will take place between  $7^{\text{th}} - 11^{\text{th}}$  March 2016 at the Universitat Politècnica de València (Spain) and PROISER R+D (Spain) facilities, and will be organized by the Group of Aquaculture and Biodiversity of the Institute for Animal Science and Technology (ICTA-UPV) and PROISER's team.

The number of participants will be restricted to 21 persons, 13 of which being ESRs belonging to the Marie Curie Innovative Training Network IMPRESS, who are also members of the AQUAGAMETE community and will attend the  $2^{nd}$  IMPRESS Workshop in Valencia the previous week. The remaining 8 trainees will be selected by the local organizers among those candidates who send their applications.

**The application deadline is 5<sup>th</sup> February, 2016.** Complete applications must be sent via e-mail to <u>aquagamete@gmail.com</u>. Eligible candidates will be announced by February 10<sup>th</sup>. For more detailed information please contact Pepa Bayarri (<u>aquagamete@gmail.com</u>).

Financial support from the AQUAGAMETE COST Action (for travelling, accommodation and meals) will be available for students. Registration (**100 euros fee**) will be available until the 20<sup>th</sup> February and will include all lunches, access to lectures and laboratorial practices, support material and technical visits.

Applications should include the following documents:

- Application form;
- Short Curriculum Vitae in the area;

• Motivation letter for participating in the training school, which should indicate the academic/professional status of the applicant;

- Letter of recommendation from the applicant's supervisor or employer;
- Financial Support justification.

More information available soon at: http://aquagamete.webs.upv.es

Best regards,

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